

## All Youth Comments

A total of 113 ideas were gathered during brainstorming exercises conducted with two Government classes at Heritage High School in September. Students offered ideas in response to the question, "What do we need to do to make Leesburg the best community possible?" Each small group ranked their ideas to generate the top five most important ideas. When the groups reconvened at the end of class, students also had a chance to vote one more time on all of the groups' top five ideas to create a final top five list of ideas for that class.

The table below includes a compilation of all 113 responses given by the students. All ideas, even if repeated in different classes, are presented here.

Staff grouped every comment in one of various categories that are similar to chapters of the town's comprehensive plan (category A). Staff also classified some ideas a second time if the idea seemed to address more than one issue (category B).

HHS1 = Heritage High School Day 1, September 26, 2003 (Groups 1, 2 and 3)

HHS2 = Heritage High School Day 2, September 29, 2003 (Groups 1, 2 and 3)

### *Aesthetics -- Category A*

Idea #	Source	Rank	Idea
10	HHS1-1		Improve appearance of Edwards Ferry Road and Plaza Street neighborhoods
66	HHS2-1		Improve appearance of all housing (trash, kids hanging out)
77	HHS2-2	1	Commercial building built must be attractive with better upkeep and quality

### *Aesthetics -- Category B*

Idea #	Source	Rank	Idea
22	HHS1-1		More landscaping
28	HHS1-2		Keep historic character intact
60	HHS2-1		More parks and beautiful landscaping

***Cultural Resources -- Category A***

<b>Idea #</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Idea</b>
3	HHS1-1		Keep and preserve downtown historic district
18	HHS1-1		Another Douglass Community Center in town
21	HHS1-1		Movie theater in Leesburg
23	HHS1-2		More emphasis on history
28	HHS1-2		Keep historic character intact
33	HHS1-2		Improve local tourism for residents
94	HHS2-3		Youth oriented recreation facility ex.: skating rink, laser tag, youth center (like YMCA)
113	HHS2-3		More town sponsored events - ex.: Battle of the Bands

***Cultural Resources -- Category B***

<b>Idea #</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Idea</b>
32	HHS1-2		More recreational and festival activities

***Economic Development -- Category A***

<b>Idea #</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Idea</b>
27	HHS1-2	4	Attract better quality of businesses
81	HHS2-2		Provide more affordable dining establishments
82	HHS2-2		Expand outlet mall to include affordable clothing for young adults
96	HHS2-3		Greater variety of businesses in Historic District, ex.: clothing chains
100	HHS2-3		Increase daycare and more activities for toddlers

***Economic Development -- Category B***

<b>Idea #</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Idea</b>
12	HHS1-1		More venues for people 18 and under
34	HHS1-2	2	Provide more entertainment activities for young adults
35	HHS1-2		Young Dave and Busters
40	HHS1-2		Improve entertainment
50	HHS1-3	4	After school, weekend activities for kids and teens (both public and private)
55	HHS2-1	3	Only allow a small amount of industrial growth
57	HHS2-1	1	More places for youth to hang out (movies, clubs, restaurants, arcades)

***Education***

<b>Idea #</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Idea</b>
74	HHS2-2		Invest in Existing Schools
104	HHS2-3		Don't keep moving same kids around from school to school

***Environmental -- Category A***

<b>Idea #</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Idea</b>
19	HHS1-1		Stop cutting down forests for housing
22	HHS1-1		More landscaping
49	HHS1-3		Deer protection fencing along roads
65	HHS2-1		Less trash and pollution; more trash cans and recycle bins
84	HHS2-2		Lower deer population

***Environmental -- Category B***

<b>Idea #</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Idea</b>
56	HHS2-1	4	Slow development to save the environment

***General Government -- Category A***

<b>Idea #</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Idea</b>
45	HHS1-3		Refocus police energy; less traffic offenses - more community involvement
46	HHS1-3		Public info. channel - ex.: community events; bus schedules
51	HHS1-3		Get rid of curfew
80	HHS2-2		Lower taxes
85	HHS2-2		Improve snow removal (don't cover up sidewalks with snow on Market St.)
87	HHS2-2		Raise weekend curfew

***General Government -- Category B***

<b>Idea #</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Idea</b>
65	HHS2-1		Less trash and pollution; more trash cans and recycle bins
74	HHS2-2		Invest in existing schools
103	HHS2-3		Re-direct money from police to other things (Do they really need that many cars?)

### ***Growth Management -- Category A***

<b>Idea #</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Idea</b>
48	HHS1-3		Slow down housing growth
56	HHS2-1	4	Slow development to save the environment
73	HHS2-2		Keep public school growth vs. town population in balance

### ***Growth Management -- Category B***

<b>Idea #</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Idea</b>
2	HHS1-1	1	Stop building houses and buildings
6	HHS1-1	4	Parks for people and animals so there is more room for both
19	HHS1-1		Stop cutting down forests for housing
37	HHS1-2	3	Less population growth
38	HHS1-2		More population growth
39	HHS1-2		Growth should be from within not extended out
69	HHS2-2		Keep population at a lower number
89	HHS2-3		Stop making houses

### ***Housing -- Category A***

<b>Idea #</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Idea</b>
44	HHS1-3		Attractive, quality, affordable housing (variety of income ranges)
61	HHS2-1		Make income requirements more flexible for housing
89	HHS2-3		Stop making houses

### ***Housing -- Category B***

<b>Idea #</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Idea</b>
48	HHS1-3		Slow down housing growth
66	HHS2-1		Improve appearance of all housing (trash, kids hanging out)

### ***Land Use***

<b>Idea #</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Idea</b>
2	HHS1-1	1	Stop building houses and buildings
37	HHS1-2	3	Less population growth
38	HHS1-2		More population growth
39	HHS1-2		Growth should be from within not extended out
55	HHS2-1	3	Only allow a small amount of industrial growth
67	HHS2-2		Build more houses and places to have fun
71	HHS2-2	2	Stop building commercial buildings in residential areas
91	HHS2-3		No commercial next to residential

**Miscellaneous -- Category A**

Idea #	Source	Rank	Idea
12	HHS1-1		More venues for people 18 and under
34	HHS1-2	2	Provide more entertainment activities for young adults
35	HHS1-2		Young Dave and Busters
40	HHS1-2		Improve entertainment
50	HHS1-3	4	After school, weekend activities for kids and teens (both public and private)
57	HHS2-1	1	More places for youth to hang out (movies, clubs, restaurants, arcades)
79	HHS2-2		Provide more affordable activities for young adults
108	HHS2-3		Expand hospital (Lansdowne)

**Miscellaneous -- Category B**

Idea #	Source	Rank	Idea
18	HHS1-1		Another Douglass Community Center in town
21	HHS1-1		Movie theater in Leesburg
51	HHS1-3		Get rid of curfew
67	HHS2-2		Build more houses and places to have fun
68	HHS2-2	4	Attract more minorities to Leesburg
72	HHS2-2		Provide more family community activities
81	HHS2-2		Provide more affordable dining establishments
82	HHS2-2		Expand outlet mall to include affordable clothing for young adults
87	HHS2-2		Raise weekend curfew
94	HHS2-3		Youth oriented recreation facility ex.: skating rink, laser tag, youth center (like YMCA)
100	HHS2-3		Increase daycare and more activities for toddlers
104	HHS2-3		Don't keep moving same kids around from school to school
113	HHS2-3		More town sponsored events - ex.: Battle of the Bands

***Parks & Recreation***

<b>Idea #</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Idea</b>
6	HHS1-1	4	Parks for people and animals so there is more room for both
11	HHS1-1		More playgrounds
24	HHS1-2	5	Better parks
25	HHS1-2		Increase amount of trails
32	HHS1-2		More recreational and festival activities
42	HHS1-3	3	Larger, greener central park
60	HHS2-1		More parks and beautiful landscaping
72	HHS2-2		Provide more family community activities
83	HHS2-2	5	More lights and stronger fences on trails
86	HHS2-2		Expand skate park
92	HHS2-3	2	Bigger parks - Algonkian not playgrounds
102	HHS2-3		Dog Park
105	HHS2-3		Expand Isaac Walton park - stay passive, just larger

***Population -- Category A***

<b>Idea #</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Idea</b>
68	HHS2-2	4	Attract more minorities to Leesburg
69	HHS2-2		Keep population at a lower number

***Population -- Category B***

<b>Idea #</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Idea</b>
59	HHS2-1		Build roads to accommodate maximum population growth (and set maximum pop)
61	HHS2-1		Make income requirements more flexible for housing

***Public Safety -- Category A***

<b>Idea #</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Idea</b>
88	HHS2-2		Provide a larger more courteous police force
103	HHS2-3		Re-direct money from police to other things (Do they really need that many cars?)

***Public Safety -- Category B***

<b>Idea #</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Idea</b>
45	HHS1-3		Refocus police energy; less traffic offenses - more community involvement
83	HHS2-2	5	More lights and stronger fences on trails

### *Transportation -- Category A*

Idea #	Source	Rank	Idea
1	HHS1-1		Wider roads for better traffic circulation
4	HHS1-1		More sidewalks
5	HHS1-1	5	Better bus system with expanded routes and reliability
7	HHS1-1		Ft. Evans Road and 15 Bypass - improve intersection at outlet mall
8	HHS1-1	3	Traffic light at each end of Tolbert Road at Evergreen Mill Drive and Sycolin Road
9	HHS1-1		Ft. Evans Road to Rivercreek Parkway - the speed limit needs to be increased
13	HHS1-1	2	Improve traffic and pedestrian flow through town
14	HHS1-1		Improve 15 Bypass at Rt. 15 Business crossing (where stop signs and flashing lights are)
15	HHS1-1		Add bike lanes to town roads
16	HHS1-1		More parking downtown
17	HHS1-1		Widen Edwards Ferry Road and 15 Bypass intersection at Sheetz
20	HHS1-1		Bridge over 15 Bypass from outlets to Rt. 7 (for traffic and pedestrians)
26	HHS1-2		Provide organized public transportation
29	HHS1-2		Improve traffic flow in historic district
30	HHS1-2		Increase speed limits when necessary
31	HHS1-2		Provide better traffic devices and signage
36	HHS1-2	1	Improve public transit for young adults
41	HHS1-3		Pave road near Battlefield Shopping Center
43	HHS1-3	2	Modernize traffic lights in Historic District (King & Market St.) Allow left turn signal
47	HHS1-3	1	More convenient road network (spend less time in traffic)
52	HHS1-3		Public transit; routes into county; more frequent and expanded times
53	HHS1-3	5	Sight distance (review DCSM) - inadequate in many areas throughout town
54	HHS2-1	5	Bring Metro, buses and light rail to Leesburg
58	HHS2-1		More traffic lights on busy roads to slow down traffic (Evergreen Mills Rd. and Tolbert Rd.; Sycolin Rd. and Tolbert Rd.)
59	HHS2-1		Build roads to accommodate maximum population growth (and set maximum pop)
62	HHS2-1		More carpooling programs to big businesses and to D.C.
63	HHS2-1	2	More road shortcuts for easier access to destinations
64	HHS2-1		Make road from Sycolin Rd. to back of Heritage High School
70	HHS2-2		A more organized public transit system
75	HHS2-2		Have traffic lights timed better
76	HHS2-2	3	Control traffic flow between Heritage and Simpson
78	HHS2-2		Raise speed limits on 7, 15, and 28
90	HHS2-3	1	Ease congestion - more connecting roads ex.: 15 Bypass, King St., Tolbert Ln. & Evergreen, and Route 7

93	HHS2-3	3	Put up light at Tolbert Lane & Evergreen Mill Rd. OR 3 way stop
95	HHS2-3		Ease congestion in Historic District
97	HHS2-3		Expand mass transit system ex.: metro, more buses and routes
98	HHS2-3	5	No mass transit (don't expand existing)
99	HHS2-3		Dedicated bus lane (major roads)
101	HHS2-3	4	Better roads (pavement)
106	HHS2-3		Fix dips in roads - Edwards Ferry Rd & Plaza St., Edwards Ferry Rd. & Wal-Mart Intersection
107	HHS2-3		Fix light engineering at Battlefield/Rt. 15 intersection
109	HHS2-3		Rt. 659/Belmonte Ridge - widen road
110	HHS2-3		Pave other half of Sycolin Rd. (near end of airport)
111	HHS2-3		Pave/fix Mt. Gillian Rd.
112	HHS2-3		Pave road past Shoppers Food Warehouse (near Red Rock neighborhood)

***Transportation -- Category B***

<b>Idea #</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Idea</b>
25	HHS1-2		Increase amount of trails
85	HHS2-2		Improve snow removal (don't cover up sidewalks with snow on Market St.)